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24-Hour Closure at SR-78 from San Felipe Road (S-2) to Borrego Springs Road Begins Wednesday

SAN DIEGO — Construction crews will close a 13-mile segment of State Route 78 (SR-78) from San Felipe Road/ Great Southern Overland Stage Route (S-2) located just east of Julian to Borrego Springs Road for 24 hours beginning Wednesday at sunrise. The closure is needed for rock scaling to remove boulders and loose soil from highway slopes to ensure that they remain stable.

Motorists on eastbound SR-78 from Julian toward Banner grade will be detoured onto San Felipe Road (S2) north, to Montezuma Valley Road (S22) east, to Palm Canyon Drive east to Borrego Springs Road south to SR -78.

Motorists on westbound SR-78, east of the closure, will be detoured to Borrego Springs Road north, to Palm Canyon Drive west, to Montezuma Valley Road (S22) south, to San Felipe Road (S2) south, to SR-78 just east of Julian.

Detours are expected to add 35 minutes or more to travel time.

Caltrans crews responded to mud and rock slides on SR-78, just east of Wynola Road in early March due to winter storms. Caltrans inspected the highway slopes and determined that rock scaling is needed along this portion of SR-78.

Caltrans thanks motorists and community members in advance for their patience during the work. Crews expect to fully open SR-78 Thursday and sunrise.

For real-time traffic information including traffic speed, lane and road closures due to construction and maintenance activities, and more, go to <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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